

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 27. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to. Amendments to the specification have been made to correct the minor grammatical error. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claim 27 was objected to. Claim 27 has been amended to correct the minor informality and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 21-23 and 30-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Publication No. JP-A 5-219103 to Iida in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,823,368 to Ullman. The Examiner's grounds for rejection are herewith traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a certified translation of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. P11-343621. Consequently, Ullman is not properly applied as prior art and the rejection is properly removed. Accordingly, Claims 21-23 and 30-34 are patentable over the cited rejection and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or overpayments due as a result of filing the present paper may be applied to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now remaining in this application, namely Claims 21-34, are in condition for

allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

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